

Soldier Freed of Rape Charge as Wedding Bared

Charges against a soldier who was flown half way around the world to stand trial on statutory rape, were dismissed Friday.

Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett freed Ben Ray Whitely, 28, when the soldier announced that he married the 14-year-old mother of the daughter he was accused of fathering.

The G.I., who was stationed in Korea before he was flown back here, assertedly told police that he was the father of the 10-months old baby.



STREAMSIDE DELEGATES—Delegates to the annual Junior Red Cross leadership training encampment at Camp Seely, Crestline, hold a discussion beside a meandering mountain stream as part of their fun-while-learning schedule. They are (clockwise from the left) Janet Coleman of Torrance High School, Patricia Welch of Gardena High, Larry Krogstad of South-High, Torrance, and Tim Trinkle of Gardena High.

Torrance Delegates Attend Jr. Red Cross Encampment

Sixty-five Torrance young people represented their schools at the annual Junior Red Cross training encampment at Camp Seely, near Crestline, in the San Bernardino mountains.

Selected by their principals and teachers on the basis of outstanding scholarship and leadership, the delegates spent a week at the camp participating in workshops and conferences, first aid and water safety training, and cultural and recreational activities. This year the sessions placed extra emphasis on youth participation in disaster preparedness.

Attending senior high school sessions were Frank Moreno of North High; David Bomba and Dennis Garbonati of Bishop Montgomery High; Larry Krogstad, Judie Motoyasu and Maren Courtney of South High, and Janet Coleman of Torrance High.

Junior High delegates were Elaine Zulinski, Jefferson School; Robert Vasquez, John Mortenson, Kathleen Sexton and Callie Farley, Magruder School; Randolph McKay, Leo R. Schmock, Alice Marie Mann and Nancy Kliever of Meadow Park; Sandy Lee Meyer, Carol Rocky, David Lee Farber and Steven Johnson of Parkway school; Edward Foster, Don Jordan, Kathy Pomatto and Sheila Weister, Torrance Elementary; Sandra McPheeters, Kathy Scott, Michael Inkin and Edward Pace, Yukon Elementary; Joyce Love, White Jr.; Jerrilyn Wood, Diane Muranaka, Paul Hoy and Dennis Gates of Howard Wood.

Judith Pelley, Robert Snyder and Kelly Simms of Crenshaw; Barbara Overdorf, Pamela Paccotti, Alan Johnson and Phil Aurit, Arlington; Janet Hulsey and Jerry Fink, Calle Mayor; Janice Marie Shinkle, Dennis Young, Rudy Suarez and Linda Lou Walker of Evelyn Carr; Pat Calvey, Norman Sanwo, Judith Morgan, Patty Hannon, Diane Lee Dell, Martin Kehoe and Jeffrey Evans, Flavian; Billy Owen, Peter Reynolds, Yvonne Colletti and Susan Creekmore, Hamilton; Suzanne Carter and Jerry Paul Johnson.

Scouts Observe Naval Activities

Navy activity from battle practice to a turn at the ship's wheel was observed recently by fourteen Torrance Explorer Scouts.

The Post 728 scouts toured the ship and took part in a special sea detail during the overnight cruise from San Diego aboard the U.S. Whetstone (LSD-27).

Taking part in the ocean jaunt sponsored by Fern-Greenwood PTA were Committeemen Herman Bookman and D. L. Christensen and scouts:

Gene Anderson, Rand Blair, Donny Christensen, Dave Cooper, Leroy Hendrickson, J. J. Henry, Bob Murphy, Larry Reintama, Billy Saine, Mike Carter, Tom Patrick, Dave Strayer, Dennis Champion, and Dennis Albright.

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Mixer Catches Girl

Torrance firemen came to the rescue Thursday of a girl whose hand was caught in an electric mixer.

Firemen snipped the mixer blades with pliers to extricate Barbara Lewis, 7, of 1549 Plaza del Amo. She was treated for shock.

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RECREATION HONORS — Plaques from the National Recreation Association were presented to the Torrance Rotary Club and Mrs. Loring Bigelow at a dinner Wednesday. Mrs. Bigelow was honored for her organizing work of Camp Fire Girls, while the Rotarians were lauded for installing fire rings at El Nida Park and improving the playground area at Sea-Aire Park with walls and sidewalks. From left are Bernard Dougan, Recreation and Park Commission chairman, Mayor Albert Isen, Mrs. Bigelow, Jack Watt, park and recreation chairman of the Rotary Club, and Jack Schmidt, past president of the club.

ARRIVALS

- TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
- JULY 26**
GROVES, Walter Franklin II, 7 lbs. 6 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Groves, 2225 S. Berendo Ave.
- JULY 25**
SLATER, Phillip Lynne, 7 lbs. 12 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Rick Slater, 2456 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa.
- MILLER, Douglas Matthew, 6 lbs. 12 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Miller, 1004 1/2 W. 255th St., Lomita.**
- JULY 9**
HEWALD, Melissa Marlene, 8 lbs. 5 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. McVaid, 1875 W. 262 St., Lomita.
- JULY 10**
LOTTI, Steven Victor, 7 lbs. 6 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Victory R. Selloff, 5513 Norton St.
- ROBERTS, Karen Lynn, 7 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Earl A. Roberts, 620 Sartori Ave.**
- FOLVICK, Katherine Evonne, 4 lbs. 11 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald W. Foldvik, 2284 C Carnegie Lane, Redondo.**
- SPEAR, Steven Eugene, 7 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spear, Manhattan Beach.**
- JULY 10**
AHMANN, Jill Denise, 7 lbs. 10 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Ahmann, 200 South Prospect Ave., Redondo.
- MARCKS, Susan Louise, 7 lbs. 7 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Louis R. Marcks, 5503 Wilma St.**
- GONZALES, Greedy Alan, 9 lbs. 4 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Gonzales, 3920 W. 171 St.**
- SCHIRMAN, Patricia Marie, 10 lbs. 1 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Everette O. Schirman, 1141 W. 180 St.**
- LOBIN, Pamela Ann, 5 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Melvin C. Lobin, 4237 W. 162nd St., Lawndale.**
- RIELES, Paul David, 8 lbs. 7 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Frederick A. Rieles, 141 W. 122 St.**
- JULY 12**
PALLINGER, David Robert, 8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pallinger, 2121 Veler Dr., San Pedro.
- SORENSEN, LISA, 7 lbs. 12 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sorenson, 1530 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan.**
- HIGHNIGHT, Vickie Jo Anne, 5 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Tolbert L. Highnight, 2305 Alexandria.**
- JULY 13**
VINCENT, Pamela Bea, 5 lbs. 13 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Vincent, 2318 W. 182 St.
- TOWLE, Kevin Lee, 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Towle, 2121 Voorhees ave., Redondo.**
- COLLINS, Thomas John & Daniel Patrick, 5 1/2 lbs. 9 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Collins, 3844 Newton St.**
- HARRALD, Gary Steven, 9 lbs. 6 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Harrold, 1217 W. 141 St., Gardena.**
- GRAY, Nancy Marie, 7 lbs. 7 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. John R. Gray, 1419 W. 246th St., Lomita.**
- JULY 14**
MATA, Ernesto Jr., 6 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Mata, 1847 Ashley ave.
- CEMORE, daughter, 6 lbs. 10 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. James Cimore, 2625 Governor ave., Harbor City.**

Intensive Probe of Tract Asked

A complete investigation into allegations of shortcomings in a subdivision here was ordered by the City Council.

Councilman Robert Jahn said he wants a complete report on the 80-lot tract developed by Harry Kiesel on the hillside south of Newton St. and west of Hawthorne Blvd. "instead of something that hangs in the balance because of rumors."

Wade E. Peebles, director of public works, submitted a report which asserted that city crews had to correct several street failures four months after the streets were accepted by the city, and other problems in the tract.

Peebles said the streets had been accepted in behalf of the city by John R. Patrick, former assistant to the engineer last Jan. 13.

He added that in April several major street failures appeared and are now being corrected at city expense.

Peebles was instructed to make a thorough survey of the situation and resubmit it to the City Council at that time.

New Bid for Building in South Torrance Opposed

A request to build a home in the restricted South Torrance zone will go to the City Council Tuesday with a recommendation for denial from Building Superintendent Lee Schlens.

The application to construct a three-bedroom house at 22812 Cypress Ave. was received from Ross Leo, who said he and his family is now occupying cramped rented quarters because he sold his former house in order to build a new one.

Leo asked that he might be granted a building permit now, since his home will not be completed for 90 days. At that time, he said an assessment district to ease the water situation will have been adopted by the city.

Schlens urged the council to deny the request on grounds that the city would be flooded by similar applications if this one is granted.

The city is presently considering an involuntary assessment district for portions of South Torrance to finance improvement of a private water company.

A building ban has been clamped on the area on grounds that low water pressure creates a fire hazard.

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BANK DIVIDEND

A regular quarterly dividend of forty-five cents per share was declared on Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association capital stock by the bank's board of directors. The dividend, payable August 31 to shareholders of record August 7, is at the annual rate of \$1.80 per share.

KIWANIS LUAU

Torrance Kiwanians will attend a luau today in Manhattan Beach to be held at 504 Strand.

OBITUARIES

SKAGGS, HEBER ANTHON, age 57, of 16706 Cerise, Native of Kentucky. Passed away July 19, 1958. Survived by wife, Florence Skaggs; two daughters, Mrs. Anthonette Keffeler and Dr. Arline Holzhauser; two grandsons, Eric and Charles Holzhauser; sister, Mrs. Verline Williams. Services were conducted at the Brentwood Ward of the Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Church, 1357 Centinela, West Los Angeles, July 21. Arrangements by HALVERSON-LEAVELL MORTUARY, Interment, Mesa, Ariz., in family plot.

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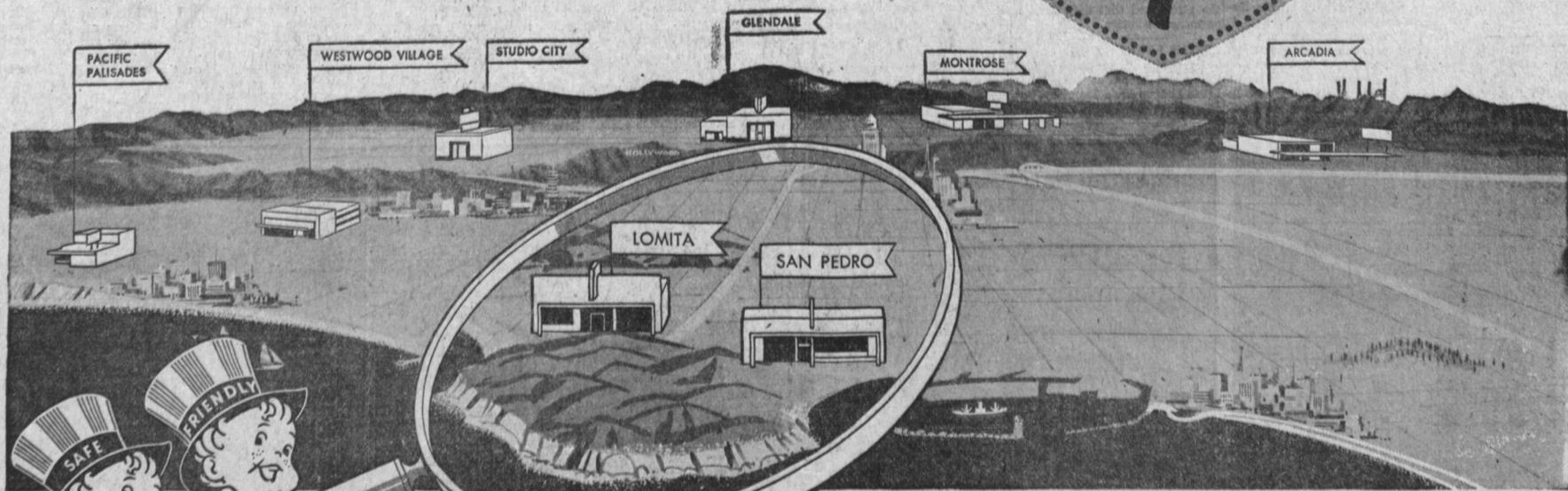
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